(c) the number of complaints regarding atrocities against working women and sexual harassment received during the last three years and till date, Board-wise; and

(d) the details of the action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The number of women employees working with the Cantonment Boards in the Country is 3608.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Nil till 11.12.2008.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

Aquisition of Russian Aircraft carrier

1745. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian Defence Minister visited New Delhi to continue negotiation regarding acquisition of the Air craft carrier Admiral Gorshkov, besides other defence acquisition issues;

(b) if so, how far the Gorshkov deal was carried forward; and

(c) the decisions taken with regard to acquisition of Russian Aircraft carrier and other defence equipments?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Russian Defence Minister visited New Delhi on 29th September, 2008 in connection with the 8th meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC). Progress of on-going bilateral defence cooperation was reviewed in the meeting.

(c) Government has approved the proposal for conducting negotiations with the Russian side on ex-Admiral Gorshkov for finalizing a revised Repair and Re-equipping Contract and other related contracts/agreements affected due to delay in the project and Additional Works projected.

Augmenting of coastal security measures

1746. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reckon the coastline as a border that is to be protected as the land locked frontiers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, what steps will be taken for the same; and

(d) what steps will be taken to review the coastal security measures, coastal line and inland water activity in the light of the possible terror attacks through water ways and sea route?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The coastal borders of a country are not limited upto its coastline, but extend beyond it, upto the edge of the territorial